

THE GREAT CONTEST.

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down the river between Port Hudson and New Orleans.

SECOND DISPATCH.

CLINTON, La., June 8, 1864.

The steamer Progress, loaded with 1,300 bales of cotton, has been burned on the Mississippi. No lives were lost.

EX-MAYOR French of New Orleans is dead.

On Thursday night, our batteries attacked the steamer Lorraine and another transport, loaded with troops, and struck her ten times. Three shells exploded on her deck, when she whistled a signal of distress, and a gunboat came up and towed her off.

The Yankee cavalry from Port Hudson pursued our batteries, but a few shells drove them off.

SUNDAY'S OPERATIONS.

Very little fighting of any sort occurred before Petersburg yesterday. The enemy's forces are no longer so vigorous or pitch in style of fighting which the imagination of many were yesterday prone to credit them with.

It is reported that Grant's army is weakened by the absence of Warren's Corps which has gone to Washington to protect that city from a threatened attack from a portion of Lee's Army, which was reported to have crossed the Rappahannock a few days ago, on route for the purpose of taking it by surprise.

FROM CHESTERFIELD.

On Saturday evening the enemy attempted to turn out flank in front of their lines in Chesterfield, but were repulsed with heavy loss. About 9 o'clock on Saturday night there were two feeble assaults in front of Bobo's division, but were driven back with similar result. Little of importance occurred on yesterday.

A friend in Petersburg sent us the following note yesterday afternoon: "The Yankees threw several shells into Petersburg on Saturday. One shell struck near the new railroad bridge below Poachoulds, and another entered a private dwelling. On hearing of this, I understood Gen. Beauregard sent a flag of truce to know why shelling was commenced without giving notice to the non-combatants. General Lee did not know that he was so near the city, and would cease shelling until further notice. Several large 'lump' shells were also thrown above Poachoulds, and lodged on the Richmond turnpike, near the river. At 12 o'clock to-day (Sunday) slight shelling, artillery firing and skirmishing have been going on in front."

VICTORY NEAR LYNCHBURG.

The following was received at the War Office on yesterday, and indicates that Burnside's career has been suddenly stopped:

June 19, 1864.

TO THE HON. SECRETARY OF WAR.—A dispatch from New-London states that an assault was made on our lines at Lynchburg last night, and repulsed by troops that had arrived. When the rest of our force came up, preparations were made to attack this morning, but the enemy retreated in confusion. Our troops in pursuit.

R. E. Lee General.

THE ENEMY'S LAST BASE BROKEN UP.

On Saturday last Gen. W. H. Lee is reported to have made a hasty retreat. Yesterday, June 20, having left the last base of Grant, on the north side, sank three transports with his artillery, and frightened off other vessels. Col. Gary is reported to have destroyed the wharves from Harrison's Landing down to Westover, so that those memorable vestiges of Yankee occupation at least have disappeared. Their reconstruction by the enemy will scarcely be attempted during this campaign.

GEN. CLAMMOR'S VICTORY IN LOUISA.

The *Charleston Courier* contains the following in relation to the recent brilliant victory over Sheridan, near Trevilian:

VICTORY.

We publish elsewhere the important news from the battlefield near Trevilian. The enemy is not only beaten—it is a flight, the prisoners being captured by the hundreds. The victory is at last decisive. God be thanked.

In the words of the sainted Jackson, "God has blessed our arms with another victory—one of the most important of the campaign." The tenth and our railroads—theirs in the hands of Gen. Lee—have been broken. Prisons, horses, arms—such are the results of three days' fighting—and with trifling loss. Such are the fruits of concentration. Such the effect of a combined movement between Hampton and Lee. Where was Sheridan going? Not by himself. But a heavy hand was laid upon his shoulder at West Mills, near Trevilian. It took three days to crush him. If the telegraph does not mislead us, he is crushed—indeed, lying about and scuttling. Oh, this is sweet!

Strike Hampton! Strike the Lee-strike, and spare not! May the last man perish!

And now for Major-Gen. Pope. Have we troops at Lynchburg? Can Breckinridge fall upon this venture some column and sweep it from the earth? Then, thanks for the defeat of Piedmont. And now for the march of Pope, Hunter, and Custer! We have reinforcements at Lyons, and we may have a junction with Breckinridge. The move of the hour is concentration to overwhelm this body of the enemy as we have overwhelmed Sheridan.

The following is a list of the Yankee prisoners brought to this place yesterday and to-day:

Two hundred and seventy-one were received in this evening, 26 yesterday, 150 on June 22 yesterday, 401 from Trevilian. His frontiersman's army, 407 privates in all.

A second. An adjutant-general, one lieutenant-colonel, one captain, one lieutenant, one chaplain, one surgeon, one special correspondent from Hunter's army for *The Cincinnati Commercial and Wheeling Intelligencer*, and Dr. Lester Lloyd of Fairfax County, charged with plotting the enemy.

SHERIDAN'S RAIDERS.

Intelligence from these unhappy horsemens represents that they were on yesterday drawing their slow length along toward the White Oak River, where the gumbots and a number of others awaited them. It was expected that they would be interrupted in their embarkation; if, indeed, their arrangements should not be completely set aside before they attempt it.

FIRING DOWN THE RIVER.

The firing down the river yesterday was brought about by several of our gunboats, which dropped below Clifton for some distance, and fired a few shots in the direction of the enemy's batteries. Nothing important occurred.

FROM NAPLES AND VICINITY.

Raids parties, says *The Christian Spy*, are going out in every section from Suffolk, robbing the families of horses, persons, &c. But the rebels are ordered to have all the horses taken in the market, Isle of Wright, and Gates County, North Carolina, so as to prevent the making of crops. A party came into Suffolk last Friday night. It took three days to crush him. If the telegraph does not mislead us, he is crushed—indeed, lying about and scuttling. Oh, this is sweet!

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Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, June 26, 1864.

Some official dispatches received to-day from Monterrey, Mexico, dated May 25, confirm the news of Gen. Dolobado's defeat at Matamoros on the 17th. Dolobado thought to find there the traitor Gen. Mason, also, and just as the battle had begun the French Col. Aymard came with three thousand French soldiers, and attacked Dolobado on the flank. Dolobado lost his artillery and about fifteen hundred infantry.

The Mexican Government had determined to make a stand at Buena Vista, where Gen. Taylor fought against Santa Anna, and should the French march to Monterrey they will find that point fortified and sufficiently garrisoned.

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MORE HEAVY SKIRMISHING.

PEPSHURG, June 19, 1864.—Gen. Grant's whole army is in front of this place in full array. There has been more or less fighting every day since Wednesday, and the enemy has been generally repulsed, gaining little or no ground since Wednesday, when they got within one and a half miles of the city, taking some of our works which they still hold.

Occasional shells have been thrown into the city, doing however, but little damage.

Grant's new base is at City Point, on James River, twelve miles distant.

The enemy has constructed an immense observatory about 12 miles below, from which to observe operations about.

The enemy yesterday attempted an advance on our lines, but were repulsed upon them with artillery and musketry, inflicting a loss upon the enemy equal to half of the camp.

The enemy at no time got nearer than 400 yards of our lines.

To-day there has been some commanding and heavy skirmishing.

The people of Petersburg are quiet and resolute, all who are able to bear arms being in the service.

The bulk of Grant's army is south of the Appomattox.

Advice from Lynchburg say that the enemy have been pursued since daybreak, and that we have captured three pieces of artillery and 200 prisoners.

Rebel News from Georgia.

THREE MILES West of MARIETTA, June 17, 1864.

The enemy made an attack, in three lines of battle, yesterday, on our extreme left, near Lost Mountain, and were repulsed with a terrible fire of artillery and musketry. They were driven back by our forces, and their dead strewed the ground from which they had been driven. The fight occurred at 2 p.m., and full accounts are not yet received. The enemy commanded our works in the center of our line fortifications. Both lines remain substantially the same as yesterday. The enemy continue firing. They attempted to shell our signal corps on Kennesaw Mountain, but could not reach the top of the mountain.

SECOND DISPATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, June 21, 1864.

The enemy has moved a large number of his forces on our left. Commanding and musketry are constant, amounting almost to an engagement. The rain still continues, which renders the roads unfit for military operations. The indications on our left and center are that they will be attacked.

Our army is in splendid spirits and ready for the attack. Deserters came in this morning, drunk.

There were but few casualties among us on our side. Several prisoners were captured this morning.

MARIETTA, June 18, 1864.

Rain has been falling heavily and incessantly a greater part of last night and all this morning.

Rebel News from the Mississippi River.

CLINTON, La., June 7, 1864.

Col. Scott's batteries attacked and drove off the gunboats at the fort. The engagement lasted four hours. The Bragg at Come Landing, and the Redoubts at the fort. The engagement lasted four hours. The gunboat Lafayette came up, and Col. Scott withdrew. Last night the engagement was renewed, and the Bragg was towed off, with three shots exchanged.

The secret of their heavy sales at such dock is owing to a desire to take advantage of the high premium.

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